

Handgun Monologue Final: Revised and Edited

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The skill that you learn when you learn how to protect the ones you love is going to be the most valuable skill you've ever learned in your entire life. If you're carrying concealed, you are carrying for a very good reason and most likely it is to protect the ones you love. Ninety-nine percent of the time you'll be doing this for pretty much no reason. I mean, you won't have any outcome where you are protecting the ones you love and that act actually helps someone out and saves their lives. But that 1% of the time when you use this information and a situation actually happens, you'll not only increase your own life span, but the life spans of those you love by another 40 happy years. In addition, I will give you some of the techniques and secrets I use, and reveal some of the ideas that have changed and shaped my ability to read people. One of the biggest realizations I've had learning this concept is, most of this knowledge is useless. I don't really mean that you can't use it. What I mean is you can't count on it.

You can never say to yourself, "well, I've taken all the precautions that I've needed to take and I'm perfectly safe." One of the biggest lessons you learn is you're not perfectly safe. In fact, you're never "perfectly safe." If you're not okay with this, then you can't wake up to the reality that you're never actually safe in the first place. Having a firearm on you only gives you the illusion that you are safe. Having the ability to use that firearm effectively is the only thing that will make you safer.

Just being here you already know that you're vulnerable. You already know that you're going to die someday. You will always give away the upper hand to your opponent – the person who is attacking you, or going against you – when you *think* you know what's going on. With this mindset, you'll always miss out on one or two pieces. Further, if your opponent can sense your false confidence, then they have an advantage over you. However, using yet *hiding* this knowledge are two of the most powerful skills you will ever learn.

I've trained in martial arts for quite a while. Granted, not nearly as long as others have, but I've practiced my skills for quite a while. Anyone who has ever begun to seriously study martial arts, full-time, with the intent of mastering this skill set has realized one very very humbling thing. We suck at martial arts. There will always be somebody who is better than you. But you will never know who it is. You won't know until you're on the ground and they're on top of you. And, at that moment, when they are standing over you and it's too late for you to protect yourself, you're grateful that you learned that lesson in a safe environment.

One of the biggest mistakes people make is they learn this lesson a little too late. They learn that the people they think they understand and have sized up, are the people who are most likely to have the upper hand, enough to take advantage of you. Reading body language effectively is like playing chess. All the pieces are always exposed. What you don't see is what's going through the mind of the person you're playing. Just like in chess, and in poker, you never really play the game. What you want to do is play the person across from you.